

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

FEBRUARY 3, 2015

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board members, Gary Cameron, Ron Jarman, and Dr. John Williams answered roll call. Member, Darrin McGowan was not present. City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, arrived later in the meeting.

MINUTES: Minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were presented for approval. Cameron made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley informed the Board that Jeremy Green and Phillip Harr have been approved by PERF as of January 24th.

She also passed the Deed of Dedication that was approved at the last meeting for signatures.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police - Chief Tucker reported to the Board that he would not be applying for a grant for the purchase of rifles as he had earlier indicated. He said he has received donations from Herdrich Petroleum and the Rush County Prosecutor for the purchase. He will also be using some of his budgeted funds.

The new hire candidate, Kaitlyn Smith, has completed Perf testing. She has also volunteered to begin participation in the 40 hour per-basic program.

February 11th the Park Restaurant will be hosting "Coffee with a Cop" from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Fire – Chief Jenkins passed out monthly reports.

Jenkins said he has begun preliminary work with a company to re-coop monies from Medicaid. The application is quite extensive which is why he is in discussion with the firm. He said once he gets more details on the cost to complete the application from the company he will inform the Board.

Park – Park Director Mathews said the Valentine dance is this Friday from 6-8 at the Middle School. Chaperones are needed.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Technical Manual** – Cameron has forwarded his comments for the consultant to review.
2. **Pool Repair Scope of Work Determination** – Mayor Pavey said they met with HWC and Bill Robertson. They were impressed with the pool. We are waiting for suggestions for upgrades and repairs.
3. **Cherry Street Extension – Indot Review** – There was a meeting yesterday with INDOT. Pavey received markups today. Those will be sent back to the consultant. This should be the final phase to get this portion of the project completed.
4. **Contract for Services – City Donations** – We give donations to 9 organizations. Of those 9 we have 5 contracts returned.
5. **Contract – Legal** – The Mayor is working on the contract with Councilman Berkemeier.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Dispatch/Fire Arms/Vest** – Chief Tucker informed the Board that they have purchased a Crown Vic from the Greensburg Police Department for the Reserves.

He is working on a written policy for the dispatchers to carry handguns while on duty.

Julie Newhouse arrived at 5:38 p.m.

2. **Application – Police Dispatch** – Tucker informed the Board that Stephen Hershberger will be leaving the department to take a position in Greensburg. Williams made a motion to approve accepting applications for a dispatcher. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Promotions – Captain and Lieutenant** – Chief Jenkins said Kevin Spilman will be retiring March 11th. He made a recommendation to promote Matthew Connolly to Captain and Aaron VanAtta to Lieutenant at that time. Williams made a motion to approve the two promotions. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Dumping Fees- Distressed Demolition** – Mayor Pavey asked the Board if they would be interested in offering a discount on dumping fees of approximately 25% to property owners who take down their own property without being forced to do so by the Board.

He said this would have to be a total tear down and it would have to be approved by the City. The Board agreed that this would be a good idea.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Cameron made a motion to adjourn. Williams seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 **p.m.**